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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

INVENTOR: Tatsumi WATANABE, Akio KOJIMA, Yasuhiro KUWAHARA,  
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FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 52 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Priority Claimed.
- ☐ Certified copy of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 20 sheets of formal drawing.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_  
and the assignment recordation fee.
- ☐ An associate power of attorney.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment

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**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

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In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicants hereby claim the priority of:

Japanese Patent Application No. 11-339552,  
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A certified copy will be filed in due course.

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